

**VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED**

130 Waverly Street
Cambridge, MA 02139-4242
Tel. 617.444.6100 Fax 617.444.6680
www.vrtx.com

FAXRECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

FEB 28 2006

To	Commissioner for Patents
Company	USPTO
FAX	(571) 273 8300
From	Jennifer G. Che
Date	February 28, 2006
Subject	Application No. 10/743,563 Attorney Docket No. VPI/02-131 US Response to Office Action
Total Pages	36

Message or Comment**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this correspondence, and any documents referred to as attached hereto, is/are being transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Facsimile Number: (571) 273 8300 on February 28, 2006.

Fareesha Ali

1. Transmittal Letter (2 pages) in duplicate;
2. Response to August 31, 2005 Office Action (27 pages); and
3. Petition for Three Month Extension of Time (2 pages) in duplicate.

If any problems occur with this fax transmittal, please call (617) 444-6396 immediately.

FAX Number (617) 444-6483 Legal Department

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE

The information and the documents transmitted by this telecopy are privileged and contain confidential information intended only for the person (s) names above. Any other distribution, copying or disclosure is strictly prohibited. If you have received this telecopy in error, please notify us immediately by telephone and return the original to us without making a copy.

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

FEB 28 2006

For Other Than A Small Entity

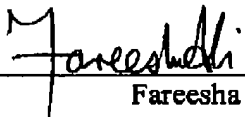
VPI/02-131 US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Zinna Northington Davis
Group Art Unit : 1625
Applicants : Charrier, et al.
Application No. : 10/743,563
Confirmation No. : 5056
Filing Date : December 22, 2003
For: CASPASE INHIBITORS AND USES THEREOF

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence, and any documents referred to as attached hereto, is/are being transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Facsimile Number: (571) 273-8300 on February 28, 2006.


Fareesha Ali

Cambridge, Massachusetts
February 28, 2006


Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: ☒ Response to Office Action; ☒ a Petition for Three Month Extension of Time; ☐ Notice of Appeal; ☐ a Declaration; ☐ a Supplemental Declaration; ☐ a Power of Attorney; ☐ an Associate Power of Attorney; ☐ formal drawings; ☐ Exhibits; to be filed in the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$___ in payment of the filing fee is transmitted herewith.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any filing fees or extension fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to deposit Account No. 50-0725. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.
- ☐ Please charge \$___ to Deposit Account No. 50-0725 in payment of the filing fee. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.



Jennifer G. Che, (Reg. No. 58,035)
Agent for Applicants
Lisa A. Dixon (Reg. No. 40,995)
Attorney for Applicants
VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED
130 Waverly Road
Cambridge, MA 02139
Tel.: (617) 444-6525
Fax: (617) 444-6483
Customer No.: 27916

Dated: February 28, 2006

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

FEB 28 2006


For Other Than A Small Entity

VPI/02-131 USIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Zinna Northington Davis
Group Art Unit : 1625
Applicants : Charrier, et al.
Application No. : 10/743,563
Confirmation No. : 5056
Filing Date : December 22, 2003
For: CASPASE INHIBITORS AND USES THEREOF

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence, and any documents referred to as attached hereto, is/are being transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Facsimile Number: (571) 273-8300 on February 28, 2006.



Fareesha Ali

Cambridge, Massachusetts
February 28, 2006

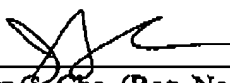
Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: ☒ Response to Office Action; ☒ a Petition for Three Month Extension of Time; ☐ Notice of Appeal; ☐ a Declaration; ☐ a Supplemental Declaration; ☐ a Power of Attorney; ☐ an Associate Power of Attorney; ☐ formal drawings; ☐ Exhibits; to be filed in the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$___ in payment of the filing fee is transmitted herewith.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any filing fees or extension fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to deposit Account No. 50-0725. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.
- ☐ Please charge \$___ to Deposit Account No. 50-0725 in payment of the filing fee. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.



Jennifer G. Che, (Reg. No. 58,035)
Agent for Applicants
Lisa A. Dixon (Reg. No. 40,995)
Attorney for Applicants
VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED
130 Waverly Road
Cambridge, MA 02139
Tel.: (617) 444-6525
Fax: (617) 444-6483
Customer No.: 27916

Dated: February 28, 2006